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1. JP 6-268866. The enclosed computer-generated translation and corresponding English-language abstract satisfy the requirement for a concise statement of relevance of this Japanese-language document.

2. JP 4-035467. The enclosed corresponding English-language Abstract satisfies the requirement for a concise statement of relevance of this Japanese-language document.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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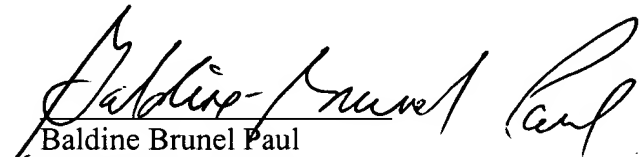
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